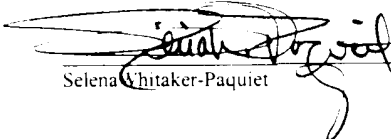




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In response to the Office action mailed May 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.